



**Mershon Center Director Craig Jenkins gives opening remarks at the symposium on "Equitable Water Allocation, Eco-Cultural Restoration, and Social Justice in the Tigris-Euphrates Watershed" at the Mershon Center on October 3, 2012.**



**This event will feature speakers from Turkey, Iraq, Kuwait, and the United States, including representatives of Hima Mesopotamia, an international NGO dedicated to stressing the importance of reaching across international borders to find solutions to the escalating ecological and humanitarian crisis occurring on the Tigris-Euphrates watershed.**



**Michelle Stevens, Executive Director for Hima Mesopotamia, discusses current efforts to deescalate potential conflicts over water, ease human suffering, and restore vital ecosystems, cultures, and economies in the Tigris-Euphrates watershed region.**



**This panel sought to highlight one of the world's most volatile sources of international conflict — the scarcity and equitable allocation of water.**





**Participants at this event included: Michelle Stevens, Hima Mesopotamia, CSU-Sacramento; Alexander Thompson, The Ohio State University; Jeffrey Ullman, University of Florida; David Kelley, Kelley & Associates Environmental Sciences, Inc.; Guven Eken, Doga Dernegi; Nadir Salman, University of Basra; Faiza Al-Yamani, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research**